

AMERICAN ARTILLERY BOMBARDS SEVEN GERMAN POSITIONS

and he told the French authorities that he hoped his son would be summarily punished if guilty of dealing with the enemy.

In February, after information had been assembled secretly from several European capitals, Mme. Storch is believed to have sensed danger. She went to Washington, followed by Federal agents. Two days later "the baron" left the Hotel Woodward and went to Washington. He and Mme. Storch were found at the Shoreham Hotel there.

They returned to New York and obtained passports from the French Consulate for a trip to Cuba. Just before starting Mme. Storch left her most important papers in the safety deposit box already mentioned. The two, travelling as Baron and Baroness, were permitted to go as far as Key West, where they were stopped—not formally arrested.

Mme. Storch was given apparent liberty, but only on condition that she consent to live with a woman agent of the Department of Justice, who was at her side day and night.

Thus it was learned that Mme. Storch and "the baron" had been communicating discreetly with the "Count de Clairmont" and Miss Nix, RECEIVED \$3,000 FROM BERNSTORFF "AS A LOAN."

It was learned that Miss Nix was born in Berlin in 1876—nee Herman. Not much of her history, if it is known, has been made public, but she came here with "Count de Clairmont" in the fall of 1913.

"De Clairmont" says he is Danish by birth though his father is a naturalized Frenchman. He came here in 1912, returned to Germany in 1913.

His movements for a short period are not traced. But late in 1914, he came out of Germany with Miss Nix, spent a short time in Paris, then in Genoa, and on Dec. 23, 1915, to New York. The two have travelled together in this country, representing themselves as consuls.

They have spent money lavishly, and Miss Nix admits having received \$3,000 once from the then Ambassador Bernstorff "as a loan." The source of the rest of her income has not been disclosed.

HINDU AND GIRL ARRESTED HERE IN INDIAN PLOT

Former Already Is Under Indictment in California and His Bail Is Fixed at \$25,000.

Agents of the Army Intelligence Bureau, working on information from Federal sources in California, to-day arrested Suleendra Nath Ghose, a native Hindu, and Agnes Smedley, an American known also as Agnes Brundin. They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock on a charge of conspiracy in violation of the espionage act to establish in this country a military uprising intended to free India from British rule.

Ghose is now under indictment in California and was arraigned here as a fugitive. Both he and Miss Smedley are said to have been misrepresenting themselves as Indian agents.

According to the authorities they represented themselves as members of the Indian Nationalist Party. They are charged with having created for financial and other aid to the Brazilian Embassy at Washington, Leon Trotsky at Petrograd and the Governments of Panama, Paraguay, Denmark and Chile.

Both Ghose and the young woman denied the charges. Ghose was held for hearing on March 25 in \$25,000 bail. Miss Smedley was allowed further time to communicate with her attorney, and her bail was not fixed.

MITCHELL IS DECORATED BY EMPEROR OF JAPAN

Ex-Mayor Gets the Third Order of the Rising Sun for His Work in War.

According to an announcement to-day by C. Yada, the Japanese Consul, decorations of exclusive imperial orders have been conferred upon four Americans by the Emperor of Japan for their war work for the Allies.

The chief distinction goes to Mayor Mitchell who has been designated for the third order of the Rising Sun with cordons. Judge Elbert Gary has been designated for the Order of the Sacred Treasure. Ex-Mayor Curley of Boston has been named for the Third Order of the Rising Sun. Mayor Burdick of Newport received the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure.

The bestowing of the orders is indicative of the friendly cordiality engendered between America and Japan for the reception given to the Japanese Imperial Mission. It is said that the Japanese Emperor deeply appreciates the work done for the cause of the Allies by the men on whom he has conferred honors.

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SEIZURE OF DUTCH SHIPS IS HELD UP FOR ANOTHER DAY

Holland Expected to Refuse to Agree to Proposals of Allies.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Delay in receipt of an expected official cable bearing on the Holland-Ally negotiations for taking over Dutch tonnage to-day will probably hold up the seizure of Dutch ships in American ports until to-morrow. It was officially stated at noon.

The State Department indicated Holland had not signed the proposed agreement, but added she had never entirely opposed the use of her vessels in the war zone.

The department claims to have no reply from Holland and it appeared that the delay in requisitioning was to allow an opportunity to Holland to make a last minute agreement on the subject.

The formal requisitioning will be done by the Navy Department, which will put naval reserves aboard the craft, take off the present personnel, and then turn the vessels over to the Shipping Board.

The board let these facts be known to-day, adding that the Naval Reserve forces would probably remain in charge of the vessels for the present.

THE FLAGSHIP, March 18.—Holland's answer to the Allies regarding the shipping situation probably will be that she cannot prevent seizure of her ships, but will not agree with the Allies' proposals.

The statement of the American War Trade Board (regarding the necessity for the ship seizure) is ridiculed here. As a test of the Allies' intentions, Dutch merchantmen, conveyed by warships, may be sent to Sweden.

All arrangements for the seizure by the United States of the Dutch ships now in New York Harbor, set for to-morrow, were completed to-day by representatives of the United States Navy and the United States Shipping Board. The procedure, it is understood, will be similar to that followed in the seizure of the German vessels after the United States entered the war, with the exception that the Dutch officers and crews will not be treated as prisoners, but as "guests of the nation."

Immigration officials will board the vessels with other Federal representatives, and the men of the crews will be allowed to land under the same conditions as govern all aliens if they so elect. If they choose, however, under their contract with the Dutch shipping companies, they are entitled to be returned to their homes. An opportunity will be given them to sign new articles on the vessels under the new management.

Australia Frees All Large Ships for Allies' Use.

LONDON, March 18.—The Australian Government, according to a despatch to the Times from Sydney, has completed a scheme which frees all large ocean-going ships for the use of the Allies. A pool which will control 120 ships engaged in coastal trade will be formed.

PHONE WIRES CUT BY SPY; LIGHT FLASHED BEHIND U. S. LINES

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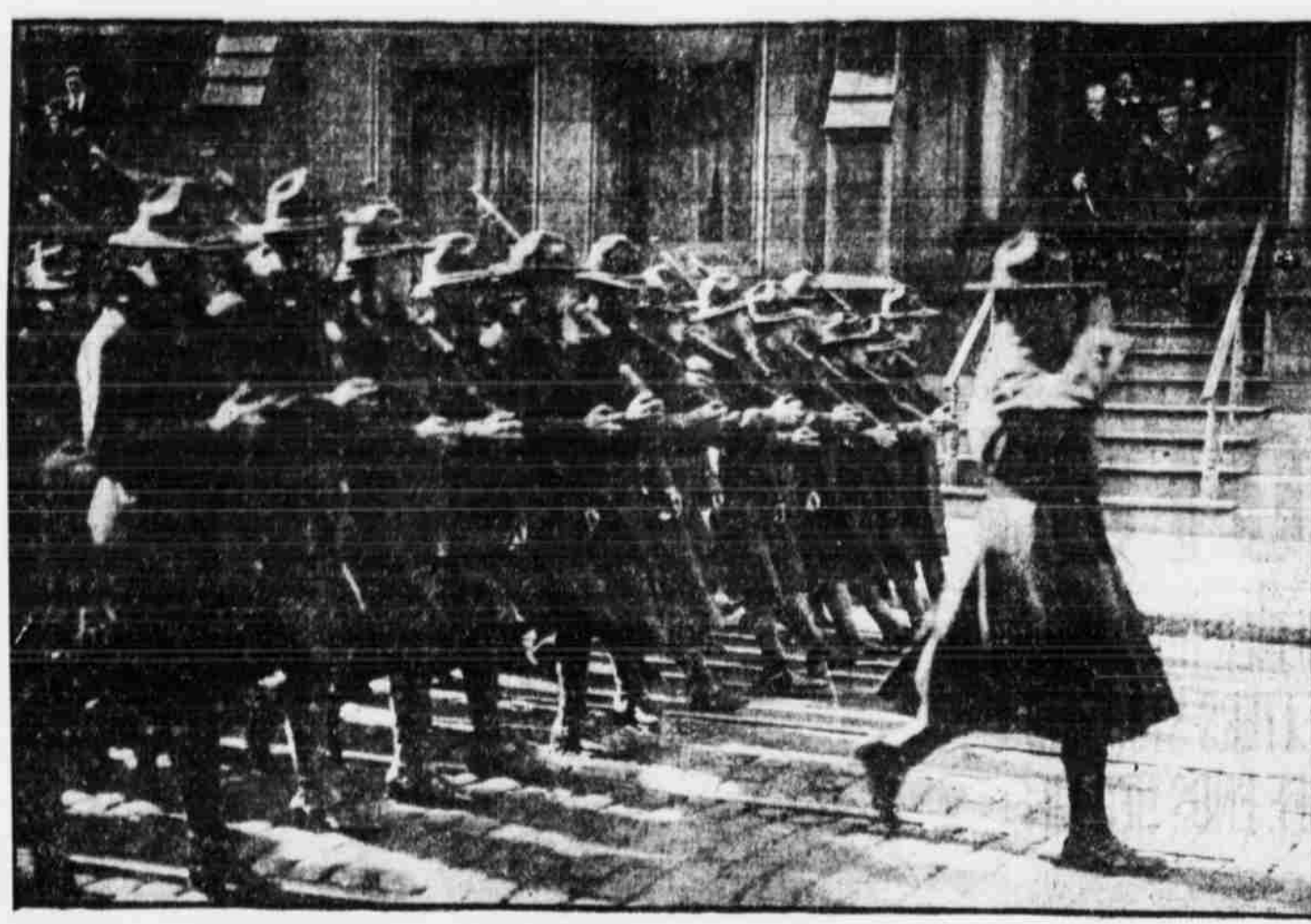
Intelligence Department with a recommendation that the attachment be furnished to the American troops. Another patrol on the other end of the sector reported that the enemy line was held strongly. While the raiders were inspecting the German positions, the enemy fired upon them several times with rifles and machine guns, which are unusual at that point.

American soldiers are still holding the Mecklenburg trench taken two days ago and which it is now permitted to name. The anti-aircraft guns east of Luneville were extremely busy to-day in driving off enemy airplanes. Our artillery bombarded effectively the Mecklenburg trench and the village of Montecourt, Richcourt, in the Quart de Reserve, along the Panneau-Monsard Road, and a considerable body of troops northwest of Buxieres. They also battered to pieces another battery of gas projectors which had been set up in a double line of trenches.

The enemy has shelled various parts of our positions rather heavily, many gas shells being mixed with high explosive ones. Some American soldiers who happened to be near or who walked through the shelled areas afterward said there were indications that the enemy was trying to isolate one of our positions with shell fire. The visibility was exceptionally good to-day and the weather was like summer. A great number of wagon trains and small groups of Germans were seen walking behind the enemy lines.

American troops in the Luneville sector have been subjected to fairly heavy bombardments during the past

"NEW 69TH," IN DEBUT, REVIEWED BY CARDINAL FARLEY



FRENCH TROOPS MAKE FOUR RAIDS ON GERMAN LINES

Destroy Enemy Defenses and Bring Back About 220 Prisoners.

PARIS, Sunday, March 17.—The French raiders were very active last night and brought back about 220 prisoners in four raids, according to an official statement from the War Office to-day.

"North of the Chemin des Dames," says the report, "the artillery action on both sides showed great activity. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the bombardment assumed a character of great intensity. It was followed by a series of strong German attacks near Samogneux, north of Courleville Wood and in the region of Bezonvaux. Large enemy detachments approached our positions and succeeded in penetrating our lines at various points. The violence of our fire caused the enemy to suffer very heavy losses, and he was not able to maintain himself in the positions where he had gained a footing. Very heavy artillery fighting continued in this region."

"Last night our troops penetrated enemy trenches at Malancourt Wood on a front of 1,400 metres to a depth of 300 metres. The total number of prisoners taken on the left bank of the Meuse last night exceeded 165, of whom several are officers. During the night French detachments were active and successful in entering enemy positions. Near Vauquois they brought back ten prisoners in a raid. Near Malancourt an incursion, carried out under a heavy bombardment, enabled the French to bring back forty prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse German batteries during the night bombarded violently all points between the Meuse and Bezonvaux. French counter fire also increased. Immediately north of St. Mihiel our patrols made prisoners. On March 16 one German airplane was destroyed and four others damaged severely by French aviators. Our bombing squadrons dropped 5,000 kilograms of projectiles on military establishments behind the enemy front."

British Troops Make a Successful Raid Near Acheville.

LONDON, March 18.—"English troops carried out a successful raid last night south of Acheville and captured several prisoners with little loss to themselves," says to-day's official communication. "Casualties were inflicted on the enemy in patrol encounters northeast of Zonnebeker. Hostile artillery was active during the night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai Road and in the neighborhood of Lens, and there was considerable activity against our forward areas between Warneton and Zonnebeker."

Belgians Take Over Sector Which the French Held.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN FLANDERS, March 18 (Associated Press).—The important coastal sector of the western front, which for a considerable time has been held by the French, has been taken over by the Belgians.

That King Albert's new army, has been able to assume this additional burden speaks highly for the condition of this comparatively small fighting machine, which has battled so valiantly from the beginning.

Increased Artillery Activity on Italian Mountain Front.

ROME, March 18.—Increased artillery activity along some sectors of the mountain front and along the Piave is reported in to-day's War Office statement. Austrian raiding detachments along the lower part of the Piave line were driven off.

NEW 69TH IS CHEERED IN FIRST APPEARANCE

New Yorkers Get First Glimpse of Guard in March Up Fifth Avenue to Cathedral.

Cheering crowds watched the new 69th Regiment, New York Guard, march up Fifth Avenue to St. Patrick's Cathedral this morning.

It was the first glimpse New Yorkers have had of the regiment and they were impressed by the soldierly appearance and stalwart manliness of the paraders.

The regiment, led by Col. J. J. Phelan, was the guest of honor at the annual regimental mass at the Cathedral in honor of St. Patrick. The men were welcomed by Mrs. Lavell and the Right Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Auxiliary Bishop of New York and Chaplain General of the United States forces here and abroad, celebrated the mass. The Rev. John H. O'Rourke preached the sermon.

After the mass Cardinal Farley bestowed the apostolic blessing on the new colors of the regiment, presented recently by Col. Conley.

The parade formed at the 69th Regiment armory, marched down Lexington Avenue to 23d Street, through to Fifth Avenue and thence up to the Cathedral.

Waterbury, Conn., Soldier Dies at Camp Devens.

AYER, Mass., March 18.—Thomas Cunningham of Waterbury, Conn., died at Camp Devens to-day. He was a member of the 24th Company, Depot Brigade.

WALL STREET GOSSIP

Western Power Company of Canada—Net income in 1917 was \$131,732, after expenses and taxes compared with \$20,251 for 1916.

Chicago Railway—Regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, payable March 30 to stock record March 25.

International Harvester Company—Announces wage increase averaging 10 per cent, for its 25,000 employees, effective April 1. This is the sixth increase granted in 24 years.

Republic Railway & Light Company—Regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent, on preferred stock, payable April 15 to stock record March 30.

Texas and Pacific Coal Company—Regular quarterly dividend of 11-2 per cent, payable March 30 to stock record March 16.

General Baking Powder Company—Regular quarterly dividend and 1 per cent, on preferred stock, payable April 1 to stock record March 16.

American Smelting and Refining Company—Plant at Anaconda, Mont., closes, refusing to submit to heavy tax levied by the state Government.

National Refining Company—Regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent, on preferred stock, payable April 1 to stock record March 16.

Washington Wire Company—Declared a dividend of 16 per cent, payable March 30 to stock record March 20.

Island Creek Coal Company—Quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share on common stock.

Pond Creek Coal Company—Regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the stock.

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